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DIARY NOTES

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1. Dr. [REDACTED], Technical Services Staff, telephoned to say that he was having difficulty in getting authorization for \$600,000 worth of research projects which he had understood informally were O.K. I will have to straighten this out with Mr. Saunders.

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2. I alerted [REDACTED] to the fact that apparently the principal agent connected with Project [REDACTED] had a misconception regarding Project arrangements in that we had been told he understood that while we were to finance getting the Project started it would eventually become his. Asked Ernie to flag this one and make sure that it was looked at realistically insofar as the Administrative Plan was concerned.

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3. Mr. Pforzheimer reports that Ken Sprankle tells him that it was the intent of the House Appropriations Committee to put our Reserve money on a "no-year" basis but that the Committee did not feel it could commit future Congresses in such a letter. This leaves the whole matter a little slippery. Mr. Pforzheimer is making a Memorandum for the Record of his conversation but it probably would be wise not to pursue the matter further until after we have cleared with the Senate.

4. Jim Garrison reported that he had met with representatives of the Government Printing Office and the Joint Committee on Printing yesterday for three hours. There is no doubt in his mind but that they are all extremely anxious for us to merge our Reproduction Plant with the South Building GPO Plant. He assured me that he had made no commitments and was emphatic in his position that he had no authority to make such commitments on behalf of the Agency. He said that I would have a staff study within the next few days.

5. Jim Garrison brought up Mr. [REDACTED] who has just returned from his engineering duties with Project [REDACTED] which provides, roughly, for six warehouse units totaling 20,000 square feet, two barracks, one canteen, one packing and crating shack, one guard house, one laboratory designed to assemble incompatible items, etc. The present schedule calls for completion of this Project in January of 1955 and partial occupancy on or about 1 October 1954.

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6. Jim Garrison reported that he met with [REDACTED] and that the idea of establishing a Logistics Command at [REDACTED] has been abandoned. He also stated that he had agreed to let [REDACTED] accept the position of Chief, Logistics, at [REDACTED]. It may be that when Project [REDACTED] is activated some sort of coordinating unit may be necessary there.

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8. Jim also advises that bids for the renovation and repair of the [REDACTED] building will be submitted to the Public Buildings Service by 25 May and that there is no question but that funds will be obligated this year. 25X1A6d

9. With reference to the paper cutter which the Technical Services Staff wants us to supply, although the purchase has been approved by the Joint Committee on Printing (Mr. Harrison) I have cautioned Jim Garrison to insure that there is no other machine which will do this job before he negotiates a contract rather than solicits bids. Jim says that the Technical Services Staff does not want the Harris Press anymore and is willing to give it to the Reproduction Plant [REDACTED] if a smaller one can be obtained. I told him that I would want to consider this very carefully and doubted very seriously that I would approve of any such action inasmuch as it would almost certainly be misinterpreted by the Joint Committee on Printing and since it is closely related to the possible merger of our Reproduction Plant with that of the Government Printing Office. 25X1A

10. Jim alerted me to the fact that he needs \$9,000 more to install an emergency power plant for the Records Center. I told him I would be on the lookout for the request and would consider it as soon as I got it.

11. Jim Garrison reports that [REDACTED] has completed the purchase of \$2,000,000 worth of special equipment with the exception of about \$150,000 worth. Although Hans wants to come home Jim has told him to stay and finish the job. However, if Hans fails to procure the last \$150,000 worth of materiel Jim wants to use a [REDACTED]. I told him that this would be all right, provided it was thoroughly coordinated with the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans), but that I would want to know about it before any final commitment was made. 25X1A9a

12. This afternoon Jim Garrison is meeting with [REDACTED] who has done a lot of our special purchasing in New York. When [REDACTED] done a good job for us there seems to be some question about his relations with the Department of Internal Revenue. We will have no part in protecting him against prosecution if the Department wants to go after him. 25X1A9a

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